

work on said railroad, and the superintendent thereof shall report all such convicts to the warden of the penitentiary, and receipt shall be given for them to said warden.

Subscriptions by  
counties, &c.

SEC. 13. That any county, township, city or town along or near the line of said railroad, or at any terminal point thereof, or at or near the line of its extensions, its branches, lateral or connecting roads, or at their terminal points, may subscribe to the capital stock of the said company, and to this end it shall be the duty of the county commissioners and the proper authorities of such city or town, upon the written application of any three commissioners appointed in accordance with section four (previous to organization of said company) or the board of directors of said Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina railroad, said application stating the amount which it is desired that said township, county, city or town shall subscribe to the capital stock of said company, together with a petition of at least one-fifth of the qualified voters therein, to appoint a day in which an election shall be held in such county, township, city or town in the manner prescribed by law for holding other elections, at which said election the legally qualified voters shall be entitled to vote for or against such subscription, those favoring such subscription on ballots written or printed "Subscription," and those opposing on ballots written or printed "No Subscription;" such election shall be held after thirty days' notice, specifying the amount of subscription to be voted for, and to what company it is proposed to subscribe, posted at the court house door and three other public places in said county, township, city or town, at the usual voting places, and by persons appointed in the manner that persons are appointed for holding other elections in said county, township, city or town, and the returns thereof shall be made and the results declared and certified as prescribed by law in such other elections; and such results so certified shall be filed with the register of deeds in

Election to be  
held upon petition.

Ballots.

Election, how  
held.